

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: Attorney Docket No.: 3293.03US10

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Application No.: 10/756,817 Examiner: *unknown*

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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR FEMORAL AND TIBIAL RESECTION

PETITION TO MAKE APPLICATION SPECIAL
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.102(d)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions to make the above-identified non-provisional patent application special under 37 C.F.R. §1.102(d) and per the requirements of MPEP 708.02, paragraph II (Infringement). Please debit Deposit Account No. 16-0631 as needed to ensure consideration of the disclosed information.

Attached hereto is the required statement for making the application special, per MPEP 708.02, paragraph II, based on an allegation of infringement.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits the pre-requisites for special status, per MPEP 708.02, paragraph II (Infringement), have been met and that the requirements for making the present application special per 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) have been met. As such,

Applicant requests that the Commissioner grant the petition and move the application forward for accelerated examination.

Respectfully submitted,



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